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February 4, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application papers dated December 4, 2001, (copy attached) attached is a "corrected" copy of the originally filed application wherein the margins are as required by the Notice. Entry of the following further amendments is also requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Pages 7-8 of the attached "corrected" copy of the specification, replace the paragraphs spanning page 7, last line to page 8, line 6, and insert the following therefor:

--ELQGNKSRWIPV as for subtype 2g (SEQ ID NO 161)
ERHQNSRCWIPV as for subtype 2h (SEQ ID NO 162)
EWDNTRSRWIPV as for subtype 2i (SEQ ID NO 163)
EREGNSSRCWIPV as for subtype 2k (SEQ ID NO 164)
VREGNSRCWVAL or VRTGNQSRCWVAL or VRVGNQSSCWVAL or
VRVGNQSRCWVAL or VKEGNHNSRCWVAL as for subtype 4k

(SEQ ID NO 165, 166, 167, 168 or 169)--

Page 32 of the attached "corrected" copy of the specification, replace the paragraphs spanning lines 6-12, and insert the following therefor:

--ELQGNKSRWIPV as for subtype 2g (SEQ ID NO 161)
ERHQNSRCWIPV as for subtype 2h (SEQ ID NO 162)
EWKDNTSRWIPV as for subtype 2i (SEQ ID NO 163)
EREGNSSRCWIPV as for subtype 2k (SEQ ID NO 164)
VREGNSRCWVAL or VRTGNQSRCWVAL or VRVGNQSSCWVAL or
VRVGNQSRCWVAL or VKEGNHSRCWVAL as for subtype 4k
(SEQ ID NO 165, 166, 167, 168 or 169)--

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The attached "corrected" copy of the originally-filed application is the same as the originally-filed application. No new matter has been added. The attached is believed to be a complete response to the attached Notice. The Office is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

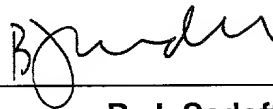
An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION

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